Discussion I Summary:

Elements Committee

- What is the Aim?
  - Instrument Control?†
  - Standard Output?*

- What is the scope?
  Who's problems are we solving?
  - Combi informatics vs age-old information issues
  - Success in starting small
  - A timely success (even small)
  - A minimal set of elements

- "The List" of positive attributes
  - *† Transparency on both ends
  - Extensibility
  - Long-term storage/retrieval
  - Measurement Validation

Exploratory Committee

- "Market Research" Effort
  - Identify target vendors
  - "Value Proposition" to vendors
  - Vendor outreach --> LRIG

- Opportunities for Leverage
  "We shouldn't start from scratch!"
  - What does pharma offer?
  - *XML efforts and schema
  - "Onion Skin" approach
  - Other Combi Communities Europe and Asia?
  - †Is Active-X a solution (if it were ubiquitous)? Can we help make it so?

What we require to for further action:

Commitment to a Working Group
- Justification/planning of Next Steps
  - Funding for formal processes
- A coherent message for vendors

Given a Working Group (i.e. a first success):

- Regular discussions via e-avenues
- A Breakout Session at NCMC-4 (Fall 2003)